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Applicant: Schuler et al.**Applicant's Ref:** 0064.00**Examiner:** Nihir B. Patel**Application No:** 09/852,408**Group Art Unit:** 3743**Filed:** May 9, 2001**Title:** LOCKOUT MECHANISM FOR
AEROSOL DRUG DELIVERY
DEVICES**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2004 and is being filed within six months thereof with a request for a three month extension of time. Note that September 12, 2004 falls on a Sunday. The present amendment is being filed in accordance with revised rule 37 CFR 1.121. Thus, marked-up amendments to the claims and/or specification are provided and no clean versions of the amendments are provided.